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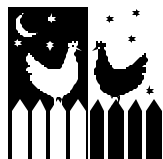
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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was cautiously steady to barely steady. Retail demand remained slow to fair with few features. Food service was slightly better, but still not as strong as desired. Supplies were adequate to ample, longest for heavier sizes. In the parts structure, trading was light and selective with regular commitments usually sufficient. Availability was fully adequate to ample for white meat and wings, at least sufficient for dark meat. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, mostly desirable.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 cent to 65.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 61.50 cents last year on the 18th of October, 2000.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

### DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)

LINE RUN TENDERS	205.50
BREASTS - B/S	136.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	69.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	95.50
LEG QUARTERS	35.50
WINGS	101.50

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**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was no better than steady. Demand was unaggressive to fair with limited trading. Supplies were more than sufficient to satisfy current needs. In the parts structure, trading was mixed, mostly light. Breast items and wings were adequate to ample with tenders often discounted to help clear. Dark meat was in a better balance, but still available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to no better than fair. Offerings ranged at least adequate to fully adequate, with the heavier sizes in the longest position. Movement through retail and distributive channels was mostly light to fair. The market tone was cautiously steady. In the parts complex, breast items, tenders and wings were fully adequate to ample. Leg items were more than sufficient for trade needs.

**MIDWEST** Market tone was cautiously steady on whole birds. Supplies ranged light to fully adequate on whole birds, WOG's were available. Retail demand was slow with an occasional feature providing better movement. Food service was somewhat better but still not up to expectations. Floor stocks were building in some spots causing buyers to order accordingly. Weights were generally desirable. Activity in the parts market was minimal as most dealers stay on the sidelines. All items were at least adequate with boneless skinless breasts and tenderloins in the longest position. The undertone was barely steady on bone-in breast and breast meat, cautiously steady on the balance.

**WESTERN** The market tone was barely steady. Offerings were ample for current needs. Buying activity was seasonal as interest in next month's holiday needs were being assessed. Retail demand moderate overall. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment barely steady on parts.

### CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES			PERCENT CHANGE
WEEK ENDING 10/13/01	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	176,466	170,272	+04
CHICKS PLACED	143,485	134,917	+062
19 STATES			
EGGS SET	196,107	-	-
CHICKS PLACED	160,574	-	-

### BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES UP 4 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 176 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 13, 2001. This was up 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 6 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 143 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 13, 2001. Placements were up 6 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through October 13, 2001 were 6.02 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

### Four Additional States in Weekly Program

Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States were added to the weekly program for broiler eggs set in incubators and broiler chicks placed for meat production. The four additional States are Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Data collection and weekly estimates began with the week ending April 7, 2001.

Commercial hatcheries for the 19 States set a total of 196 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 13, 2001. Broiler growers in the 19 States placed 161 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 13, 2001.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 24-Nov-01 IS ESTIMATED AT 145.8 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 145.1 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 144.4 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 150.7 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 58.12 CENTS PER POUND.

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## SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

OCTOBER 17, 2001

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	938	115.00-190.00	120-130	128.35
TENDERLOINS	190	130.00-250.00	130-135	148.05
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	130	39.00-57.00	39-42	41.62
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	630	30.00-35.00	30-31	31.89
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,150	31.00-37.00	32-34	33.28
WINGS (WHOLE)	317	95.00-106.00	100-102	103.61
WINGS (CUT)	539	107.00-123.00	109-111	113.06
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	953	112.00-191.00	120-130	128.95
TENDERLOINS	180	135.00-250.00	135-140	152.03
BREAST - LINE RUN	107	67.00-71.00	68-70	68.53
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	210	39.00-57.00	39-42	42.14
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	429	29.00-34.00	30-31	30.36
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,181	32.00-37.00	32-34	33.19
WINGS (WHOLE)	297	95.00-103.50	99-100	101.77
WINGS (CUT)	524	108.00-125.50	109-112	113.26
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	65	45.00-52.00	47-49	48.23
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
44.50 - 50.00	46.95	44.25 - 49.00	46.06	46.43

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

## NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was generally light to fair and about as expected for mid-week trading. Offerings of breast items were fully adequate to available with some discounting noted. Leg items were at least sufficient. Wings were readily available and slow to clear. Movement into retail and distributive channels was light to fair at best. The market tone was barely steady to weak on wings and tenders, barely steady on breast items, no better than steady on the balance.

\*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	125-130	136.18	543,350
TENDERLOINS	135	142.35	141,452
BREAST - WITH RIBS	60-61	68.08	315,560
BREAST - LINE RUN	60	62.65	149,400
LEGS	43-44	47.65	236,240
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	33-34	34.09	682,869
DRUMSTICKS	41-42	46.74	207,620
THIGHS	37-38	45.57	168,330
B/S THIGHS	89-90	92.50	81,420
WINGS (WHOLE)	97-98	107.64	436,892
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.56	121,720
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.56	130,915
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	54.02	202,150

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	125-130	138.55	410,760
TENDERLOINS	130-135	142.20	102,400
BREAST - WITH RIBS	60-61	68.81	326,440
BREAST - LINE RUN	60	62.81	145,600
LEGS	43-44	48.55	211,240
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	33-34	34.42	535,596
DRUMSTICKS	41-42	48.26	170,270
THIGHS	37-38	43.97	166,580
B/S THIGHS	89-90	94.60	59,960
WINGS (WHOLE)	97-98	109.78	348,000
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.98	93,040
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.52	123,040
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	54.90	160,920

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

## ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED				AVG WTS				AVG WTS			
	10/17	10/16	10/15	10/12	10/15	10/12	10/10	10/08	10/15	10/12	10/10	10/08
ALA	3,996	4,037	3,990	4,197	5.15	5.14	3,835	5.18	5.15	5.14	3,835	5.18
ARK	4,982	5,350	5,085	5,387	5.05	4.88	5,152	4.96	5.05	4.88	5,152	4.96
DELMARVA	2,234	2,246	2,315	2,109	5.08	4.87	2,247	5.02	5.08	4.87	2,247	5.02
KY-LA-TN	1,898	2,009	1,982	2,187	4.66	4.56	2,028	4.73	4.66	4.56	2,028	4.73
MISS	2,840	2,854	2,858	2,959	5.16	4.98	2,840	5.13	5.16	4.98	2,840	5.13
NC	2,619	2,585	2,475	2,753	6.01	5.81	2,595	5.92	6.01	5.81	2,595	5.92
TEXAS	2,394	2,406	2,354	2,389	5.07	4.87	2,449	5.15	5.07	4.87	2,449	5.15
TOTAL	20,963	21,487	21,059	21,981	5.17	5.03	21,146	5.14	5.17	5.03	21,146	5.14
MON-WED 63,864(A)	63,502(A)											

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 17-Oct 01 and is estimated to be 31,363,000 down 1.16 percent from a week ago and up 1.9 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,732,000; last year 30,769,000)

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

## DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	87-89
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	-
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

## SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

## DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 95-97
	DRY PACK 97-105
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 104-113
	DRY PACK 113-123
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 98
	DRY PACK 91
DUCKS	152-166

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING OCT 20-01

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	10/20/01 (1)	10/13/01
THOUSAND HEAD		
BRO-FRY	162,379 (2)	162,599
LT HENS	1,853	2,088
HVY HENS	1,576	1,495
TOTAL	165,808	166,182

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 20-Oct-01 is 154.2 million head compared to 158.2 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 162.7 million head or 8.5 million more than estimated available. For week of 27-Oct-01 the estimated available is 155.7 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)**

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 15-Oct-01	191,760	58,882
AM 1-Oct-01	198,453	57,300
CHG	-6,693	1,582
PCT CHG	-3	3

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)**

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	10/15/01	10/08/01	10/16/00	10/15/01	10/08/01	10/16/00
<b>PACIFIC</b>						
<b>COAST</b>	18,882	20,214	19,350	3,603	3,189	9,578
<b>LOS</b>						
<b>ANGELES</b>	2,715	3,565	224	1,815	1,839	2,818

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 15, 2001

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX) VACUUMPACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	RANGE
		52-57 57-63

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

	FOR 10/16/01		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.20	.95	.49
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	.30	.90	.55
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	.40	.50	.44
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.20	1.30	.59
GEESE lb.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.25	.90	.47
RABBITS lb.	.55	1.55	.97
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES lb.	-	.25	-
GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
TOTAL COOPS	138		

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending October 12, 2001

	Whole	Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers/	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts	W/ Thighs	& Wings	Gizzards
<b>RAYON</b>					
Low	51.45	126.19	72.80	19.41	19.41
High	58.24	135.90	87.36	24.27	24.27
Mostly	55.82	135.90	77.66	19.41	19.41

**SAN JUAN**

Low	55.82	131.05	77.66	29.12	16.02	46.11
High	60.67	140.75	92.22	41.25	21.84	46.11
Mostly	57.27	133.47	82.51	33.97	19.41	46.11

**NEW SAN JUAN**

Low	50.48	126.19	72.80	19.41	19.41	46.11
High	57.27	135.90	87.36	24.27	24.27	46.11
Mostly	55.33	126.19	77.66	19.41	24.27	46.11

**BECERRA**

Low	59.21	126.19	77.66	33.97	19.41	47.56
High	60.67	135.90	92.22	38.83	24.27	47.56
Mostly	60.67	131.05	87.36	36.40	19.41	47.56

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally no better than fair and typical of mid-week. Seller offerings were fully adequate, particularly on the heavier weight sizes. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights varied, and were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 54 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. In the parts complex, all items were at least adequate for the light and unaggressive buying interest.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

RANGE	BRANDED
	U.S. GRADE A
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	45-72
NO. OF BOXES	56.72
	14,831

\*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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